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KU's Green River Generating Station Earns Governor's Safety and Health Award

Employees work more than 270,000 hours without a lost-time incident

CENTRAL CITY, Ky. (Dec. 5, 2014) – Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet today joined employees and officials in Central City to present Kentucky Utilities' Green River Generating Station with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The honor recognizes the facility's employees for working 273,391 hours without a lost-time accident or illness.

Kentucky Labor Secretary Larry L. Roberts applauded the employees and congratulated Kentucky Utilities (KU) for its commitment to safety.

"We congratulate the employees of the Green River Generating Station, and thank them for their attention to safety," said Secretary Roberts. "This type of accomplishment doesn't just happen by chance, it requires constant attention to detail on the part of everyone involved."

Located on the banks of the Green River near Central City since 1950, Green River Generating Station currently has approximately 40 employees. The station uses about

400,000 tons of western Kentucky coal each year and has a total capacity of 163 megawatts.

“Needless to say, we are extremely proud of the excellent safety performance of our employees at Green River,” said Ralph Bowling, LG&E and KU vice president of Power Generation. “Despite some unique challenges at the plant and the demands placed on the workforce, they continue to stay focused and prioritize what is most important – working safely and without injury.”

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of Green River Generating Station, the requirement is 250,000.

The Governor’s Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Steve Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) in February as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to significantly reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

The award is a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque. The certificate contains the signatures of Kentucky Gov. Beshear, Secretary Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

For more on the Governor’s Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

For more on the Green River Generating Station and KU, visit www.lge-ku.com.

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